

McCall in Rage Defies Whitman as He Denies Charges

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20,000 STARVING AUSTRIANS IN MUTINY FORCED THE SURRENDER OF PRZEMYSL

DREAD OF DEATH BY CANCER DROVE BOOCOCK TO MADNESS AND CAUSED DOUBLE KILLING

Financier Who Slew Wife and Self Was Suffering From a Delusion.

HAD NO OTHER MOTIVE.

Astor Trust Co. Treasurer Had No Financial or Domestic Difficulties.

Fear that he was "dying on his feet," as he expressed it, from intestinal cancer is agreed upon by the family and friends of Howard Boocock as the cause of sudden madness which impelled him to kill his beautiful wife and himself in their home at No. 36 East Seventy-fourth Street last night, while their two children slept two floors above.

Officers of the Astor Trust Company, of which Mr. Boocock was treasurer, said to-day he had been complaining of cancer for a year. George B. Case, of the law firm of White & Case, an intimate friend of Mr. Boocock, who drew his will several years ago, agrees with the bankers. The will was never changed from the first draft.

"Boocock," said Mr. Case, "was crazy. He had been getting worse every day for a year. I lived right next door to him at Norfolk, Conn., all of last summer, and I know."

"He was obsessed of the idea that he had cancer of the intestines. Specialists assured him he was mistaken, but he clung to the delusion. He worried himself thin and thought it was the cancer that was reducing him. He was deeply in love with his wife, and when his overwrought mind gave way, he undoubtedly conceived the idea of taking her with him."

PARENTS OF DEAD PAIR AGREE HE WAS INSANE.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Boocock and Mr. and Mrs. George Waterman Kenyon, of Brooklyn, the parents of the murderer and suicide and his wife, are agreed Howard was insane. They can recall now many words and actions that indicated mental weakness, but which were attributed to the strain of overwork.

Mr. Kenyon said: "Mr. Boocock's home life was ideal. All his friends know that. In fact, the domestic harmony of the household was a matter of comment."

"So far as we have been able to learn, Mr. Boocock was not in any financial difficulties. His accounts were straight. He was living within

BABY PEIXOTTO LIKELY TO GET \$4,194 NEST-EGG

Justice Signs Order Preliminary to Payment of Teacher-Mother's Salary.

Blue-eyed Baby Peixotto, whose advent caused all the rumpus between the Board of Education and the teacher-mothers, will have a neat little nest egg if Mrs. Bridget Peixotto, the mother, wins her suit to compel Comptroller Prendergast to pay her salary for the period that she was suspended from the school department.

In the Supreme Court to-day Justice Bijur signed an order requiring the Comptroller to show cause to-morrow why he should not pay Mrs. Peixotto her full salary during her absence.

Mr. Prendergast is not opposed to paying the amount. He merely wants the court to protect him, and as soon as Justice Bijur passes upon the matter \$4,194 will pass from the city treasury into Mrs. Peixotto's hands.

THREE COURT JUSTICES LAID UP BY ILLNESS

Goff, Blanchard and Weeks Unable to Take Up Duties on Bench.

Three Justices of the Supreme Court were unable to take up their duties to-day because of illness. They were Justices John W. Goff, James A. Blanchard and Bartow S. Weeks.

Justice Goff, who was reported to have been threatened with pneumonia, is out of danger and is improving. He has not partaken of food for several days. Dr. J. E. Kelly, of No. 1 West Eighty-third Street, Judge Goff's physician, to-day said the early recovery of his patient was expected. The Justice to-day sent for his secretary, which is taken to indicate that he is considering soon taking up his duties.

Justice Blanchard is at the Hotel Penhurst at Atlantic City, having been ordered to rest by his physician. He is not confined to his bed, but just run down. He is expected to return for duty by April 1. Justice Weeks, who has been operated on for a slight ailment, is expected back for duty within a few days.

JUDGE WHO SENTENCED FRANK DIES IN HOSPITAL

L. S. Roan of Atlanta Succumbs to Cancer at the Polyclinic.

Judge L. S. Roan of Atlanta, Ga., who presided at the trial of Leo Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan and imposed the death sentence upon him, died in New York this morning at 4:25 in the Polyclinic Hospital from cancer.

His wife, who stopped at the Hotel Markwell, No. 222 West Forty-ninth Street, attended him constantly during his stay in the hospital and, with their son, and Judge Roan's brother, was at his bedside when he died.

Judge Roan also became well known throughout the country as presiding Judge in the trial of Mrs. Daisy Ulrich Opie Grace, who was acquitted in August, 1912, of shooting her husband.

"BRIDES IN BATH" MURDERS LAID TO "BLUEBEARD"

Prisoner Accused of Marrying Five Women and Drowning Three After Wedding.

"WEALTH HIS MOTIVE."

London Prosecutor Says Man Was Rapid in Wooing and Killing His Victims.

LONDON, March 23.—Charged with the murder of three women, George Joseph Smith in the Bow Street Court to-day heard Public Prosecutor Bodkin declare he had made away with three of his wives, the crime in each case being committed shortly after he had married them. Each of these women was found dead in her bath, consequently the case has come to be known as the "Brides in Bath" case.

Smith has described himself as a man of independent means. According to the evidence of Scotland Yard, which has been inquiring into the deaths of these women, Smith made use of various fictitious names in his matrimonial ventures. The women he married were found dead a few days after the ceremony. Verdicts of accidental death had been returned, but the bodies were exhumed, with the result that the charges of murder have been preferred.

The Public Prosecutor gave the names of the three women and the dates of the alleged murders as Beatrice Mundy, July, 1912; Alice Burnham, December, 1913, and Margaret Lofly, December, 1914.

Smith, who is a London man, forty-five years old, according to the police, used the names of John Lloyd, Joseph Smith and Henry Williams in marrying the women.

Smith was married, according to the evidence given at a preliminary hearing, under the name of John Lloyd, to Margaret Elizabeth Lofly at a registry office at Bath in December, 1914. The couple came to London the same day and the next morning the bride was found dead in her bath, her husband calling in a doctor, who reported the matter, as a result of which an inquest was held. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

In February, information having reached the police that Lloyd was not the husband's name, he was arrested and identified, the police say, as George Joseph Smith, who in November, 1914, had married at Portsmouth Miss Alice Burnham, who a month later also had been found dead in her bath. In this case, too, a coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

The police also have had the body of another woman exhumed. This woman, who also died in her bath shortly after her marriage at Hove, Bay, was married to a man who gave the name of Henry Williams and who is believed by the police to be George Joseph Smith.

Prosecutor Bodkin said the accused had been married five times in all. His first wife was Caroline Beatrice Thornhill, whom he married in 1898, and who now is on her way to London from Canada.

Mrs. Boocock, Who Was Slain By Husband Who Killed Self



POLICE SEEK MAN IN HOUSE AS SUSPECT IN 'RIPPER' CASE

Detectives Said to Be Close on Trail of Slayer of Cohn Child.

The police seeking the murderer who killed little Leonore Cohn last Friday evening made a new move this afternoon which indicates the possibility of an arrest this afternoon in the house where the crime was committed, No. 359 Third Avenue.

Acting Capt. Gliden, commanding the Second Branch Detective Bureau; Lieut. William Fiebo, of Chief Inspector Faurer's staff; Serg. George Young, of Commissioner Wood's staff, with Detectives Tait and others from Headquarters, entered the house at 2 P. M.

"We are finishing up some work in the building," was all the explanation they would give to those who asked what they were after. It was believed that they were questioning again some one in the house whose previous answers had not been satisfactory in view of certain facts that have recently come to the knowledge of the police.

The detectives would not let any one enter the house.

M'CALL, REPLYING TO CHARGE, SHAKES FIST AT WHITMAN

Shouting Defiance, He Denies He Neglected Duties as Public Service Commissioner.

SHOUTS, "DISGUSTING!"

Cram, Williams and Wood Follow Him in Denouncing Allegations as Baseless.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 23.—The four Public Service Commissioners of New York City—McCall, Williams, Cram and Wood—made their last stand to-day in the Executive chamber. They knew that their dismissal from office was foreordained. They were defiant, aggressive, denunciatory. Chairman McCall shook his fist time and again at the Governor and at Counsel Hayward.

The executive chamber was staged like a courtroom. Gov. Whitman sitting behind a desk, flanked by counsel. In front of him were the Commissioners and behind them a throng of interested officials.

"Charges against Commissioner McCall," was the announcement.

"Are you represented by counsel?" asked the Governor.

"I am not," replied McCall. "I appear in person and I file my answer here."

NOT A PLACE HOLDER; DOES NOT SEEK TO RETAIN OFFICE.

One after another the Commissioners repeated the formula. Then Chairman McCall began reading his answer, breaking away repeatedly from its formal text to interject heated exclamations and criticisms.

"I have one statement to make right at the outset, before beginning my oral argument," he said.

"I want to disavow any desire to hold place. I am not a place holder and I do not seek to retain office. I wish to make this statement as emphatic as I can."

Referring to his taking the chairmanship of the commission, Judge McCall pointing a finger at the Governor, said: "No one is more conversant with conditions under which I laid down my judicial duties and took this office."

Again reading from the record charges against himself, Judge McCall shook his fist and shouted: "I was not even a member of the commission at that time. You, Governor, know better than any one else the truth of what I say. At your personal solicitation I sat in criminal term of the Supreme Court because you asked it as a personal favor."

McCall followed this by denouncing Col. Hayward, counsel to the investigating committee.

GARRISON REFUSED TO FIGHT ANY LONGER FOR AUSTRIAN FORTRESS

Defenders of Przemyśl Ignored Commander's Order to Make Final Dash to Break Down the Iron Ring of the Besieging Army.

500,000 RUSSIANS ON NEW DRIVE INTO HUNGARY

PETROGRAD, March 23 (United Press).—Mutiny broke out in the starving garrison at Przemyśl and Gen. Kusmanek surrendered to the Russians to prevent a disgraceful revolt, according to despatches to the War Office this afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon the Austrian commander ordered 20,000 of his troops to participate in an attack upon the Russian lines on the south. His object was a desperate dash that would cut a gap through the line of the besiegers and enable at least a part of the garrison to fight its way to safety.

BOY SHOTS BROTHER WHILE PLAYING WAR.

Lad of 13 Held by Police While Baby Victim Is Sent to Hospital.

Hubert Fleming, thirteen, accidentally shot his three- and a-half-year-old brother, John, to-day with a revolver belonging to their father while playing war in their flat at No. 132 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Street.

The mother of the boys was out shopping and only their grandfather, who was asleep, was in the house. Hubert was taken to the West One Hundred and Twenty-third Street Police Station, charged with juvenile delinquency, while John was hurried to the Harlem Hospital, where it was said his condition is serious.

John Fleming, father of the boys, is a claim agent with the New York Central Railway Company. Hubert told the police that he had played with the revolver last week and that it was then empty. He thought that it was still empty.

RUSSIANS IN GALICIA TOOK 800,000 HORSES AND 500,000 CATTLE.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), March 23.—Hundreds of villages in Poland and Galicia have been destroyed by the Russians, according to a despatch from Cracow to-day.

In Galicia alone 800,000 horses, 500,000 cattle and all grain and other provisions have been taken by the Russians, who destroyed 250 villages and damaged 6,000 others. In Poland, the Cracow correspondent estimated, the Russians destroyed over 200 cities and 9,000 villages.

WILSON NOT TO INTERFERE.

Will Let New York Democrats Settle Faction Fights Themselves.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Wilson has no intention of interfering in factional differences between Democrats in New York and Pennsylvania. He told callers to-day that he thought the people of each State were able to look after their own affairs.

IMPORTED LA CAROLINA Cherries, 10¢ a box, and small black cherries, 5¢.

BOARD OF CENSORS FOR "IMMORAL ART."

ALBANY, March 23.—Assemblyman Seiberg would create a State Art Commission to censor literature, painting and sculpture. Seiberg to-day introduced a bill in the lower House with that end in view. The proposed commission, composed of five members, would prevent the distribution and exhibition of any art considered "immoral."

SAILING TO-DAY.

Lenape, Jacksonville, 1 P. M.
Santa Rosalia, Santos, 3 P. M.